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Calgary Stampeders quarterback Drew Tate, left, and Saskatchewan Roughriders quarterback Darian Durant square off on Sunday in the CFL's West semifinal at McMahon Stadium in Calgary. See playoff coverage on page 21. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stolen explosives discovered

Found underground. Mounties recover items in rural area north of Saskatoon

RCMP have unearthed a cache of stolen explosives buried north of Saskatoon.

The 60 kilograms of commercial and military-grade explosives had been hidden in the wooded area north of Saskatoon for several years.

"Given the vegetation and everything else, it had been at least 10 years," Cpl. Rob King said Thursday.

"Given the fact that these are things that are not widely available, we do believe they were stolen."

He said an owner of an acreage near Warman became aware of the explosives after the death of a family member and called police on Tuesday. The elderly relative's personal papers referred to the explosives and gave police enough information to find them.

King said RCMP and Saskatoon police explosives-disposal experts spent about eight hours on Wednesday recovering and removing the items. They had been packed in separate containers, buried about one metre deep and spread over 15 square metres of a remote area on the property.

Among the finds were brick-sized packages of German Sprengkorper DM12, a C-4 type of plastic explosive. There were also military demolition charges, manufactured during the Second World War.

King said the explosives were functional, but were not attached to any detonators.

"All explosive material is susceptible to shock, heat and pressure. But it had been sitting there for 10 years, so I would say it was fairly stable."

King said all the explosives have been destroyed or returned to the military. Officers are investigating the theft. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Local school honours fallen soldier

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Apology

Saskatoon Health Region reimburses patients

The Saskatoon Health Region is apologizing and opening its wallet after wrongly charging 11 patients for cornea transplants.

The region charged each patient $3,600 for each cornea used in eye operations that help restore vision and reduce pain.

Maura Davies, CEO of the region, says they are very sorry.

She says the service is fully covered under medicare and the region's decision to charge for the corneas did not respect the Canada Health Act.

The corneas were imported from accredited eye banks in the United States.

About 120 patients are now waiting for cornea transplants in Saskatchewan, with some facing up to a three-year wait.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rare cancer

Man who pushed for asbestos registry dies

A Saskatchewan man who urged the province to make lists available to everyone of public buildings that contain asbestos is dead.

The family of Howard Willems says he died peacefully on Thursday after a long battle with an asbestos-related cancer.

Willems worked as a building inspector for 31 years and had a rare form of cancer that comes from inhaling asbestos fibres.

Willems' stepson, Jesse Todd, says his stepfather hoped talking about the issue would bring change.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

A plaque featuring Sgt. Prescott Shipway's photo will now hang in Mount Royal Collegiate and be awarded to students who embody leadership at the school.
MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Soldier's legacy lives on at school

Lest we forget. New award keeps memory alive

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Sgt. Prescott Shipway was a lot of different things to a lot of different people, but one thing he was through-and-through was courageous.

Sgt. Shipway was killed by an improvised explosive device on Sept. 7, 2008 in the Panjwai District of Afghanistan and on Thursday morning, the students and staff at Mount Royal Collegiate honoured his memory, revealing the Sergeant Prescott Shipway Memorial Award.

In attendance were his parents Charles and Susan, who said the ceremony was an important one for them.

"It means a great deal," said Prescott's mother Susan. "It gives you the feeling your son didn't die in vain, it brought meaning, meaning to life, meaning to his death."

His father, Charles, echoed his wife, saying they always supported their son and he hopes the award will be something students strive for.

"It's a wonderful thing, it's something they can aspire to," said Charles of the award. "Scott was never an A student, but he always did his best and whatever he did, we always supported him."

"He gave me lots of grey hairs, but I wouldn't trade the experience for anything, other than to get him back," he said.

Susan and Charles Shipway attend a ceremony at Mount Royal Collegiate for their son, fallen solider, Sgt. Prescott Shipway. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Pat Barry, an English-as-an additional-language teacher at Mount Royal Collegiate, said the award is given to students who express leadership.

"It's for a student who best exemplifies the spirit of Mount Royal, they don't have to be the best student in the building, but it has to be someone who can be a friend, a colleague, a good student, a teammate and a leader," he said.

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Teacher's work in classroom earns Governor General's Award

Education. Saskatoon's Elizabeth Phipps prefers hands-on approach with students

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After overcoming her own challenges as a student, Elizabeth Phipps has dedicated nearly 18 years to ensuring that her classroom is experiential and fun as well as educational.

It's her dedication and passion that the Canadian government will recognize in December when it awards her the 2012 Governor General's Award for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History.

"I'm very excited. It's amazing to see that this type of teaching is being recognized," said Phipps. "I really didn't enjoy school, and when I came through school it was all very, very hard."

Grade 2 student Kaden Seib, 7, says he has learned a lot from Phipps' "living landscape" project and is happy his teacher is winning this award.

"We made a landscape.... It taught me that First Nations people had to run with spears and they hunted buffalo," said Kaden. "She is a good teacher ... She teaches us lots of new things."

Along with the distinction of winning the award, Phipps will also receive $2,500 and a gold medal. The TD Bank Group will also donate $1,000 to Phipps' school, Fairhaven Elementary in Saskatoon.

Phipps will receive her award on Dec. 10 in Ottawa.

The winning project

- Understanding that hands-on learning is best for children, Governor General's Award recipient Elizabeth Phipps developed a "living landscape" — tables covered in "dirt" (brown paper) and "rivers" (blue ribbons), upon which her Grade 2 and 3 students added and removed cultural elements as they learned about Saskatchewan's history. It's this kind of experiential education that helped her earn the award.
- "I'm thrilled to know my children have learned so much," said Phipps. "I vowed that my children will have fun. They will have fun, but they will learn."

Saskatoon teacher Elizabeth Phipps works with student Faria Islam on their "living landscape," upon which students have added and removed cultural elements as they learned about Saskatchewan's history. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

Premier Brad Wall shows off his budding Movember moustache. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

Movember

Here we grow: Wall's mo a work in progress

Premier Brad Wall's moustache is growing, slowly, but surely.

"I'm adjusting well. Tami, not so much," said Wall, referring to his wife in the Legislative Building rotunda on Thursday.

Wall says he got a package from the Movember charity containing moustache accessories and goodies.

"They sent us moustache wax, which I don't think I am going to be needing unless it's got colour in it," joked Wall.

Wall has raised almost $5,200 already to donate to the fight against prostate cancer and he is encouraging Saskatchewanians to support other men in their communities doing the same.

If you would like to donate to Wall's Movember campaign, visit mobro.co/premierbradwall.

ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

Transit

Free buses to run for remembrance ceremonies

Saskatoon Transit will be providing free bus service to and from the 2012 Remembrance Day ceremonies at Credit Union Centre on Sunday.

The free service will start at 9 a.m. from the 23rd Street westbound bus stop in front of Second Avenue Lofts.

Buses will leave every 15 minutes, and the last bus will depart at 10:15 a.m.

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Nor'easter brings new misery to U.S. East Coast after Sandy

Still in the dark. More than a foot of snow falls on parts of New Jersey, causing further power outages

The New York-New Jersey region woke up to wet snow, hundreds of cancelled flights and more power outages Thursday after a new storm pushed back efforts to recover from a superstorm that left millions powerless and dozens dead last week.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said losses from Superstorm Sandy in New York state could total $33 billion.

The new storm did not bring a second wave of flooding that some had feared.

"We lost power last week, just got it back for a day or two, and now we lost it again," said John Monticello of Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey. "Every day it's the same now: Turn on the gas burner for heat. Instant coffee. Use the iPad to find out what's going on in the rest of the world."

But the new storm didn't appear to rouse exhausted residents of the country's most densely populated region to a new chorus of complaints. Except, perhaps, on this week's presidential election.

Valdimir Repnin emerged Thursday morning from his powerless Staten Island home with a snow shovel in his hand, and a question: "Who won? Obama?" he asked.

The region's greatest challenge remains finding emergency housing for tens of thousands of people, in some cases for the long term.

"We are going to have to look at a ground-up redesign," Cuomo said of the power and fuel supply systems. "With power outages, you paralyze the nation, and chaos ensues." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grounded

Major airlines cancelled about 600 flights around the U.S. Thursday, according to flight tracking service FlightAware.

- **Affected airports.** The majority were in the New York area, although airports in Boston, Philadelphia, D.C. and elsewhere were affected.

A U.S. marine from the 8th Engineer Support Battallon out of Camp Lejeune, N.C., carries a hose to pump out floodwater from a street after a nor'easter, Thursday, in the Queens borough of New York City. The region's greatest challenge remains finding emergency housing for tens of thousands. MARIO TAMA/GETTY IMAGES

Liberals rejoice at notion of the dawning of a new America

Seattle revellers celebrate early election returns favouring Washington state Referendum 74, which legalized gay marriage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The United States has long been considered among the most conservative countries in the Western world, particularly when it comes to the importance of religion to its citizens and the distaste for the type of social safety net Canadians and Europeans so cherish.

But with the re-election of President Barack Obama this week on the overwhelming support of women, minorities, gays and young Americans, progressives are declaring the dawning of a liberal America.

Same-sex marriage is now the law in several states. A movement towards the decriminalization of marijuana is on the horizon. Wisconsin elected Tammy Baldwin to the U.S. Senate, the first openly gay member of the chamber.

Groups that voted in droves for Obama are swelling in numbers — Hispanics and Asian-Americans, in particular.

Progress

"This election was very clearly a demand not to turn the clock back."

Douglas Brinkley, professor at Rice University

In 2011, minority births surpassed white births for the first time in the United States, and white men are now a dwindling minority. Indeed, by 2042, the majority of Americans won't be white.

Exit polls on Tuesday night even suggested a historic high in the number of Americans who describe themselves as liberal, a word sneeringly viewed as a slur by many on the right. Twenty-five per cent of voters self-identified as liberals compared to 22 per cent in 2008. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Macedonia

Think you're clever? A health minister is in search of geniuses

Macedonia's health minister is looking for assistants — but they have to be certified geniuses.

Nikola Todorov's ministry announced Thursday that it needs seven to 10 advisers, to consult once or twice a month for a daily fee of 3,000 to 5,000 denars ($60-100).

The announcement said successful candidates must possess an IQ score of at least 140, certified by the Mensa International IQ society. They also must have a university degree and speak at least two foreign languages.

Macedonian public servants are not normally required to take IQ tests, but Todorov can be demanding. He recently angered state doctors by linking their salaries with the number of patients they treat.

The average intelligence quotient is 90 to 110. Above 140, people are considered geniuses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sitcom appearance

Vice President Biden to appear in Parks and Rec Thursday

Fresh off re-election, Vice-President Joe Biden will appear on the NBC sitcom Parks and Recreation next Thursday.

The vice-president's office said Biden taped a cameo appearance back in July. He said Thursday on Twitter that "my whole family loves the show, and I had a great time doing it"

The show's executive producer told The New York Times that Biden's appearance was taped under strict secrecy. The show was warned that provisions might have to be made to give Republican vice-presidential nominee Paul Ryan a similar cameo if word of Biden's participation leaked out before Tuesday's election.

Biden has been mentioned frequently on the show as an object of fascination by lead character Leslie Knope, played by Amy Poehler. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cuban islanders

Government to offer subsidies to help rebuild

The Cuban government will offer subsidies and loans to help islanders rebuild the more than 200,000 homes damaged by Hurricane Sandy, official newspapers said Thursday.

Beginning next week Cubans affected by Sandy can buy building materials at half-price, according to an official notice published by the Communist party daily Granma and other papers.

Residents of the eastern provinces of Guantanamo, Holguin and Santiago can also seek bank credits to rebuild, and those who lack sufficient income can apply for further subsidies up to the entire cost of the materials.

"The government made the decision for the budget of the State to establish a subsidy of 50 per cent of the current prices for construction materials that will be sold to families whose homes were totally or partially destroyed," the notice read. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian Forces.
Military investigates racially-charged video

A video showing a Canadian Forces officer with his face in brown makeup pretending to be Osama bin Laden's brother is in poor taste but does not reflect the wider military community, Defence Minister Peter MacKay said Thursday.

MacKay issued a statement in response to a video made in 2010 that features an unidentified military member stationed at 14 Wing Greenwood wearing a fake beard and turban, boasting that he worked with the leader of al-Qaida.

The CBC says it was leaked a copy of the video, which shows the officer calling a woman a "silly infidel," saying he drives a taxi and then later yelling at someone off-screen to get away from his car bomb.

MacKay said an investigation into what happened was launched as soon as the Defence Department became aware of the video's existence.

"Two years ago, certain members of the Canadian Forces stationed at CFB Greenwood filmed a video intended for their colleagues that featured inappropriate content and poor taste," MacKay said.

A spokesman at 14 Wing Greenwood, said the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service is trying to determine who made the video and whether any military rules were broken. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Innocence of Muslims

Filmmaker gets jail time for probation violations

The man behind the anti-Muslim film that sparked violence in many parts of the Middle East was sentenced to a year in federal prison for unrelated probation violations. The sentence was the result of a plea bargain between lawyers for Mark Basseley Youssef and prosecutors. Youssef admitted he had used several false names in violation of his probation and obtained a driver's licence under a false name. He was on probation for a bank fraud case. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Arizona gunman gets life in prison for 2011 rampage

Giffords' shooter sentenced. Jared Lee Loughner pleaded guilty; could still receive death penalty from state prosecutors

A man whose 2011 shooting rampage killed six people and wounded 13 others, including Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, was ordered Thursday to serve seven consecutive life sentences, plus 140 years in federal prison.

Jared Lee Loughner, 24, pleaded guilty under an agreement that guarantees he will spend the rest of his life in prison without the possibility of parole. He avoids a federal death sentence, although state prosecutors could still decide to try him.

Giffords, partially blind, her right arm paralyzed and limp, came face-to-face with Loughner at the sentencing, standing beside her husband as he spoke of her struggles to recover from being shot in the head.

Kish Finnegan, 48, of Tucson, Ariz., participates in a vigil at University Medical Center for U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords in this 2011 photo.
LAURA SEGALL/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Jared Lee Loughner
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"Her life has been forever changed. Plans she had for our family and her career have been immeasurably altered," said astronaut Mark Kelly, both he and his wife staring at the shooter inside a packed courtroom. "Every day is a continuous struggle to do those things she once was so good at."

One by one, survivors of the attack at a Giffords political event approached the podium to address Loughner, each turning toward him where he sat with his attorneys.

"You took away my life, my love and my reason for living," said Mavanell Stoddard, who was shot three times and cradled her dying husband in her arms as he lay bleeding on the sidewalk after shielding her from the spray of bullets.

Loughner's parents sat nearby, his mother sobbing.

Some victims, including Giffords, welcomed the plea deal as a way to move on. It spared them and their families from having to go through a potentially lengthy and traumatic trial and locks up the defendant for life. Both sides reached the deal after a judge declared that Loughner was able to understand the charges against him. After the shooting, he was diagnosed with schizophrenia and underwent forcible psychotropic drug treatments. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Aftershock fear as Guatemala earthquake death toll tops 50

7.4 magnitude. Quake caused terror over a wide area; damage reported in all but one of the country's 22 states

Guatemalans huddled in the cold streets of an earthquake-ravaged town without communications or power on Thursday, one day after the worst temblor since 1976 shook nearly the entire country, killing at least 52 people and leaving another 22 people missing.

President Otto Perez Molina said the powerful 7.4-magnitude quake that hit Wednesday morning off the Pacific coast affected as many as 1.2 million people. He said a little more than 700 people were in shelters, with most opting to stay with family or friends.

The president said there had been 70 aftershocks in the first 24 hours after the quake, some as strong as magnitude 4.9.

Damaged homes will be among the biggest problems the country will face, Perez added. Guatemalans fearing aftershocks huddled in the streets of the mountain town of San Marcos, the most affected area, where at least 40 people died. It was the strongest earthquake to hit Guatemala since a 1976 temblor that killed 23,000. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Danger zone

"They have no drinking water, no electricity, no communication and are in danger of experiencing more aftershocks."
President Otto Perez Molina
speaking at a news conference

On Thursday rescue workers carry away the body of a person found buried in San Marcos, Guatemala. ALEX CRUZ/EL PERIODICO DE GUATEMALA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scaffolding tragedy at Linkin Park concert

An injured woman, second left, holds her arm as she walks with medical personnel, second right, after she and others were injured during a concert by Linkin Park in Cape Town, South Africa, Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A spokeswoman for the South African city of Cape Town says one person died after scaffolding collapsed in high winds outside a Linkin Park concert, injuring 19 other people.

Kylie Hatton said Thursday a woman died after being taken to the hospital. She said 19 people were injured, with 12 hospitalized, after the temporary advertising structure collapsed outside the Cape Town Stadium. She said police are investigating.

The American rock band said in a statement: "We wish to express our deep sadness and concern for those injured and our heartfelt condolences to the family of the fan who died as a result of her injuries."

The band said they had no relationship with the sponsor or entity responsible for the structure.

Hatton says the structure had been certified as safe by structural engineers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cape Town, South Africa

Anton Groenewald with the city of Cape Town says that 12 of the 19 people injured were being treated at a hospital.

- The concert series for the American rock band band will continue.
- Linkin Park will perform in Johannesburg Nov. 10.

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Parasailing

Boat captain charged in death

A boat captain in the U.S. Virgin Islands has been charged with causing the death of a woman who was killed while parasailing.

Kyle Coleman is accused of misconduct, negligence and inattention. Authorities said he took Bernice Kraftcheck and her daughter on a parasailing tour in November 2011 as wind conditions deteriorated. The tow line broke as the women were hoisted into the air, causing them to fall in the water. Kraftcheck died. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mexican drug cartel

Lawyer charged with laundering

A Texas lawyer and former Carnegie Mellon University trustee has pleaded not guilty to laundering more than $600 million for a Mexican drug cartel.

Marco Antonio Delgado waived his arraignment Thursday, essentially entering a not guilty plea, during a hearing in El Paso. His lawyers plan to seek Delgado's release on bond.

Prosecutors say Delgado conspired to launder the cartel's drug profits from 2007 through 2008. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mali, Africa

Jihadist investigated

French authorities are trying to figure out whether a man arrested in the West African nation of Mali who was en route to Islamist combatants is the same person charged in Paris with a terror-related offence.

Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, or AQIM, is one of three extremist groups who have taken control of the northern half of Mali. The group is made up mainly of foreign fighters. The radical Islamists moved into northern Mali after a military coup in March. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New blacklist aims to deter smartphone theft

Database. Phones to go on an electronic list in Canada in a move to deter thieves, protect personal data

Canada's wireless carriers are targeting smartphone theft by setting up a database that will blacklist lost or stolen phones to prevent them from being reactivated.

The move would also help protect personal data on such devices, the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association said Thursday.

Smartphones are worth $600 to $700 and can be resold on the black market, noted association president Bernard Lord.

"With this database, it makes that a lot less attractive because the buyer of the stolen phone will not be able to connect to any network in Canada," Lord said from Ottawa.

Canadian wireless carriers are combatting theft with a stolen phone database. MARIO TAMA/GETTY IMAGES FILE

"It eliminates the incentive for stealing a device."

The idea is also to reduce the black market value of a smartphone in the eyes of criminals, Lord added.

Once consumers call their wireless carrier to report their smartphone lost or stolen, the device's internal identification number goes on the electronic blacklist.

Lord said even though more smartphones are lost than stolen, law enforcement officials have raised concerns about the issue.

The database for the Canadian wireless industry will be up and running by September 2013 and Canada's carriers will also be contributing to an international database to help prevent smartphone theft, he said.

However, consumers who have their smartphones lost or stolen are "not off the hook" for paying their smartphone contracts.

A website will also be set up by the association to help consumers protect their smartphone data and help protect themselves from theft.

Lord said the smartphone's ID number — called the international mobile electronic number — will be verified by carriers to make sure the device has not been lost or stolen.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Museum. Forgotten fossilized horn leads to new dinosaur discovery

A piece of a fossilized reptilian horn that sat in an Ottawa museum for decades has led to the discovery of a new dinosaur species the size of a rhinoceros that roamed Alberta 80 million years ago.

Pieces of skulls from the recently named Xenoceratops were originally dug up from rocky sediments in southern Alberta in 1958.

However, a pair of paleontologists rediscovered the bones a decade ago and gradually pieced together the sweeping neck plate of the four-footed, horn-headed giant. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A model of a Xenoceratops dinosaur is shown in a handout photo. JULIUS CSOTONYI/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Twitter

Pope to join the tweeting masses

Celebrities do it. Presidents do it. Now even the Pope will do it.

A Vatican spokesman said Thursday that Pope Benedict XVI will start tweeting from a personal Twitter account. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drugs

Generic Viagra coming to Canada

Canada's market for generic erectile dysfunction drugs was thrown open for business Thursday after the Supreme Court of Canada invalidated the Viagra patent held by the pharmaceutical giant Pfizer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

She's da bomb for making 'em and breaking moulds

Newfound freedom.
Veteran recalls excitement of being on forefront of emerging female workforce and military service

ROSANNA HAROUTOUNIAN
For Metro

Second World War veteran Helen Rapp said she doesn't want young Canadians to forget the women who served in war.

"We opened the door for women who are in the military now," she said. "That is what we're really very proud of."

Helen Rapp's certificate of qualification at the Directorate of Signals in Ottawa, 1944. CONTRIBUTED

In 1941, Rapp left her hometown of Schumacher, Ont., to work in a munitions factory in Hamilton.

"There was a catch, though," said Rapp. "I couldn't go without my mother because I was only 15." Her mother worked in the cafeteria, while Rapp helped make barrels for bofor guns.

"I went out in overalls, with my hair tied back, to this station," said Rapp, recalling she was met at the station by an older man and five younger men," said Rapp.

When the younger men started whistling, the older man stood up for her.

"He said, 'There'll be none of that. She is a member of this crew. You treat her properly.'" Rapp said she nicknamed him Fibber McGee after a character from a radio program.

Rapp said she made friends with four girls from Prince Albert, whose apartment was as busy as "Grand Central Station." The girls would visit the dance hall to meet soldiers training at Hamilton's Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

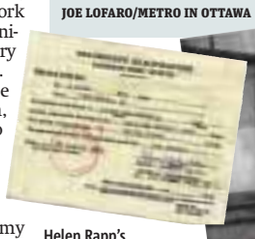
"You never, ever, did not have a date," said Rapp, laughing. Rapp said one air force trainee from England, Jeff, was a great dancer who taught her the jitterbug.

"He never swung me over his head, but we just loved to dance," she said.

Rapp worked in the factory until 1942. At 16, she pretended she was 18 so she could enter the Canadian Women's Army Corps in Ottawa, where she lives today.

She worked in Ottawa as a section sergeant of the directorate of signals.

"The government wanted women in the military, but our mandate was only until 1946, and then you were out" she said.



Helen Rapp's (born Helen Villeneuve) tradesman qualification certificate, 1946. CONTRIBUTED

Helen Rapp in Ottawa, 1944. CONTRIBUTED

Certificate allowing Helen Rapp to wear the War Service Badge, 1946. CONTRIBUTED

"But they did learn that we could do just about any job they imagined."

Joining the war effort

Factory girls for their soldier boys

As husbands, sons, brothers, and fathers were called out to fight on the front lines, some women also thrust themselves into unknown territory by joining munitions factories in the 1940s to supply the men with the weapons they needed for battle.

For some women at the time it was their first job. For others, it was a moral decision to leave their homes and families behind to provide for the war effort.

Women quickly learned their ways around the factories to create weapons such as cannons and ammunition while grappling with the fear of what the war may bring. At the same time, however, it also gave women newfound freedom from social constraints at home.

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Helen Rapp in Ottawa, 1944. CONTRIBUTED

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"There was a catch, though. I couldn't go without my mother because I was only 15."

Second World War veteran Helen Rapp
On leaving her hometown in 1941 to work in a munitions factory in Hamilton.

SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO IN OTTAWA

Veterans speak about what was once taboo

Helen Rapp, a veteran of the Second World War, says that while soldiers are more open to sharing their wartime experiences, the Canadian government can still do more to support veterans.

"The majority of men never talked," said Rapp, who served as a section sergeant at the Directorate of Signals in Ottawa from 1942 to 1946. "When they came home, they got into civilian clothes, and that was the end of it."

She said that was an improvement from the First World War, when soldiers were shot when they couldn't handle the stresses of war. "It was called shell-shock," she said. "They thought, 'You're just putting this on. You don't want to fight.'"

Rapp said that when she visits classes to talk about her experiences, she asks students whether they have relatives who served in the military.

"They say, 'Oh yes, my granddad was, or my uncle, but they never talked.' And they didn't," said Rapp. "They just wanted to forget the bad stuff."

She said veterans are more likely to share their experiences with each other.

"You look at these old fellas and these old gals and ask, 'Where were you posted? What did you do?'" said Rapp. "There's a bond there."

Rapp's husband Jerry Bowen, a veteran of Canada's navy and armed forces, agrees.

"The fellows who were with you at the time have an understanding others don't," said Bowen. "Whenever we get together, we have a good talk."

Rapp said that while Veteran's Affairs Canada is better-equipped to identify and deal with soldiers suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, recent cuts are putting the department under strain.

"They should never have cut back the services that they did," said Rapp. "They haven't in the (United) States. They cut back every department but Veteran's Affairs, and we were hoping they would do the same here, but (Defence Minister Peter) MacKay decided no."

The Union of Veterans' Affairs Employees predicted in January that the government's plan to cut $226 million from the Veterans Affairs budget in the next two years would result in 500 job cuts by 2015.

"They're short-staffed now," said Rapp. "Where before someone was looking after five or six people, their load is more now."

Rapp said part of the reason she speaks to other Canadians is to ensure they know that veterans should be valued.

"We want to show them that we were there. We made history."

ROSANNA HAROUTOUNIAN/FOR METRO
WITH FILES FROM TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Helen Rapp's medals from left: The Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, the War Service Medal, the Confederation Medal, a Golden Jubilee Medal and a Diamond Jubilee medal awarded earlier this year. SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO IN OTTAWA

...and she puts the boom in wartime bombshells

MATT BARNES/ GLOBAL

Paying tribute. Bomb Girls actress honoured to salute women like one she portrays in TV series

JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Toronto

Growing up studying history, Charlotte Hegele learned all about the men who fought the Second World War. It was only years later, reading the script of Bomb Girls, that she really learned about the women.

"I think a lot of young people blur history together and they don't realize that there are specific pockets of time where extraordinary things happened," said Hegele. "It's so important that we tell women's stories."

Hegele plays Kate Andrews, a young woman who flees from her abusive father, a tyrannical street preacher, to Toronto, where she works at Victory Munitions.

The main characters on Bomb Girls are inspired by the real Canadian women who worked in munitions factories. They built bombs that could explode with one false move, in factories they believed could be a target for an attack on Canadian soil.

"On World War II, when I was in school, we spoke so much about men," she said. "We, assumed, for whatever reason, that women during war would just be sitting at home taking care of the family waiting for their man to come home, waiting for the soldiers to come home, when, in fact, their place in society became pivotal to the success of the Allies."

Bomb Girls shows why the war was pivotal for women, how they went to work when their country needed them to and never turned back.

"It's hard for me to imagine how it really would have been, how it really would have felt to be a woman at that time — but I think that women were just itching to be given equal opportunities as men," Hegele said. "It must have been not just liberating but exciting to be able to do jobs — jobs they actually kept."

For Hegele, telling stories about Canadian history is "an important public service" that she learned from her grandfather.

Dr. Joseph Walmsley was a medical officer who fought in Dieppe. When he returned, he would speak at school Remembrance Day ceremonies.

"He would come in with his medals — it was a very proud moment, to see him come and speak in his full uniform," she said. "I wasn't just proud that he was the speaker, it was because he was so proud. It was a moment for him to give some perspective for young people and understanding of what he actually did."

Quoted

"Some American viewers have been confused because one of the events that happens in the first season is Pearl Harbor, but it doesn't happen until the end. And, of course, Pearl Harbor is the reason the States got involved in the war to begin with.... It's nice to know that we're not just telling the women's story, but the Canadian story, because it's unique."

Actress Charlotte Hegele

A screen grab from the first episode of Bomb Girls. GLOBAL

Actors stay warm Tuesday on the exterior set of the Victory Munitions Factory in the Bomb Girls TV show, which is mostly filmed in the Toronto area. DAVE STARRETT/FOR METRO

Meeting her inspiration

Hegele has had the chance to meet some of the real Bomb Girls who are the show's inspiration. Her first time was at the show's premier in Ottawa.

She recalls thinking so much about her character during the filming and then realizing, at the premiere, the impact Bomb Girls would have on the real women who lived that story.

"It was really scary," she said. "At that moment I thought, 'Okay, I really hope we did them justice and we created something that was respectful and honoured their accomplishments and that they would be proud to watch."

"The original Bomb Girls seemed moved," she said. "At the time of the war, perhaps, it didn't seem for them that they were doing anything extraordinary because it was what their country needed them to do and they were just doing what they could do. But it's really important for our country to know now about the sacrifices they made."

Real factories behind Bomb Girls series

- One of the real factories Victory Munitions is based on is the Defence Industries Limited plant, which built munitions for the Allies and led to the founding of the Town of Ajax. The other was the General Engineering Company of Ontario (GECO) plant in Scarborough.
- The new season will include Rosie O'Donnell as a guest star. She will play "Dottie" in Episode 209.
- You can watch the first season of Bomb Girls online at: globaltv.com/bombgirls.

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Veteran care. Toronto hospital criticized

Canada's largest veterans facility is under fire from several families with complaints their frail relatives have been neglected or forced to endure unsanitary conditions.

They also say raising concerns at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre — among them, delayed bathing and feeding, soiled sheets, dead mice in rooms, a lack of toilet paper and constant room and caregiver changes — were met mostly with indifference or hostility.

"It's appalling what's going on in the veterans' wing of Sunnybrook," says Rodney Burnell, whose 92-year-old father, George, lives on the spartan third floor of K-Wing.

"They fought for us and it's our turn to fight for them."

For its part, Sunnybrook suggests the complaints are coming from a handful of malcontents. The facility points to surveys showing sector-leading levels of patient and family satisfaction. Complaints, it says, are taken seriously, investigated and acted on as required.

Dorothy Burnell, 86, talks to her husband, George Burnell, 92, at Sunnybrook's Veterans Centre. COLIN PERKEL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"We want every veteran to get the best care possible," says medical director Dr. Jocelyn Charles.

Publication of the complaints by The Canadian Press brought a swift response from the federal government. A spokesman for Veterans Affairs Minister Steven Blaney says the minister is sending a senior official immediately to go to Sunnybrook to investigate the complaints. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Parliament Hill

Disabled veterans, military widows launch protest

Disabled veterans and military widows are unleashing a broadside of frustration against the Conservative government just before Remembrance Day, saying they're feeling abandoned and left to fend for themselves.

They have gathered on Parliament Hill to paint a stark picture of bureaucratic indifference and red tape that flies in the face of reassurances from the government, which says the care of military families is a top priority. Few of the government's touted programs meant to help combat veterans find civilian jobs actually help the disabled, complained retired master corporal Dave Desjardins, who is paralyzed from the waist down.

Desjardins said he was proud to serve his country. "What I'm not proud of is how our government officials ... speak to the Canadian public about honouring our veterans." THE CANADIAN PRESS

The truth comes out in candid WWII doc

The real story. Documentary uncovers facts behind the Second World War mission dramatized in Quentin Tarantino's action flick Inglourious Basterds

A scene from the TV documentary The Real Inglorious Bastards, which examines truths from Quentin Tarantino's Second World War film Inglourious Basterds. HANDOUT/GAT MEDIA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

In Quentin Tarantino's Second World War action movie Inglourious Basterds, a ragtag group of Jewish-American soldiers agrees to go on a dangerous mission hunting Nazis behind enemy lines.

The deadly mercenaries are tasked with collecting 100 scalps apiece on their way to take out the Germans' senior military leaders.

Not surprisingly for a Tarantino film, it's cartoonishly over the top and not at all historically accurate.

But there was just enough truth there for Canadian director Min Sook Lee to latch onto for The Real Inglorious Bastards, which airs Thursday on History.

She had previously directed a similar documentary, The Real M*A*S*H, and was asked by History to produce another show with a compelling real-life tale that somehow mirrored the Tarantino film.

"I'm not a Tarantino fan — I hadn't seen the film, I wasn't familiar with the story," she says.

"So I had to watch the film and then start looking around for something that was similar in real life — and that took a while."

She eventually came across the story of Operation Greenup, a covert mission ordered by the U.S. military's Office of Strategic Services.

Jewish refugees Hans Wijnberg of Holland and Fred Mayer of Germany joined the U.S. Army eager to help the Allied effort against Nazi forces. They met at an OSS training camp while learning guerrilla warfare and would eventually work with Austrian Franz Weber, who had deserted the German military.

"It felt like I had my chance to do what I set out to do — kill Nazis," Mayer says in the documentary.

"That's why all the Jewish boys joined."

Quoted

"Stories about resistance amongst Jews during the Second World War are less well known ... but I think there's more of a reclamation of that history happening." Min Sook Lee, director, The Real Inglorious Bastards

They parachuted onto a glacier in Germany so they could gather intelligence on the Brenner Pass, the main supply route into Italy. They landed in deep snow, without skis, and after a long, bone-chilling journey they reached a small hamlet, where they claimed to be members of a German alpine unit.

"These missions had a high rate of failure, they didn't really know what they were doing. There was a lot of making things up as they went along," says Sook Lee.

Through interviews and dramatic reenactments, the documentary covers how the men then based themselves in safe houses and began sending information back to the United States while posing as Germans. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Winning medal a tough battle

Canadians are a humble bunch. Maybe too humble.

Within a few weeks, Gov. Gen. David Johnston will bestow a final batch of bravery decorations on Canadian troops who fought in southern Afghanistan, but the list likely won't include the nation's highest battle honour: The Victoria Cross.

The notion that Canada will exit its first major shooting war in 60 years without such recognition has some asking what a Canadian soldier must do to win the honour.

The British, the Australians and New Zealand have all given out a handful of VCs for actions in Iraq and Afghanistan, while the United States has awarded 10 Medals of Honour, the American equivalent, in both wars. The lack of Canadian Victoria Crosses is also strange in light of the intensity of fighting that took place in the heartland of the Taliban insurgency, as well as the Harper government's apparent fondness for military pageantry.

A picture of Victoria Cross recipients Cpl. Lionel Clarke, Sgt. Maj. Frederick Hall and Lt. Robert Shankland was unveiled on Monday at the National War Museum in Ottawa. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The military recoils at the suggestion that politics comes within a country mile of deciding who is awarded the country's highest decoration for "extraordinary valour and devotion to duty while facing a hostile force." The stringent process that sees a nomination pass through no less than three committees of senior officers ensures that selection is based on merit. Still, throughout the war in Afghanistan, there were quiet murmurs within the ranks about why some of the 17 Stars of Military Valour, the country's second-highest decoration handed out to date, were never considered worthy of elevation to the Victoria Cross. THE CANADIAN PRESS

By the numbers

94

The last of Canada's 94 Victoria Crosses were handed out during the Second World War, at a time when the British still oversaw the award on behalf of Commonwealth nations. The Canadian version was created in 1993, but the actual medal was not struck until 2008.

Novice investors will probably want to start with an adviser, says columnist Bryan Borzykowski. ISTOCK

Go it alone, or go to an adviser?

Investing. This is the third of a three-part series on getting into the stock market

IN THE MARKET
Bryan Borzykowski
For Metro

It's never been easier to get into the stock market. You can invest online, through an adviser and at your branch. You can buy stocks, mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, fixed-income and more.

Investing is so simple that it can be overwhelming. Where do you start? What should you buy? How much do you need?

Novice investors will likely want to start with an adviser. They understand the market and know which products are the best. It's also their job to make your money grow, which is hard for most people to do on their own.

Some financial planners, such as bank-based advisers, are free, though others can be expensive, depending on what you want them to do. Many charge a flat fee that includes investing and developing a financial plan.

As well, advisers typically invest in mutual funds, which come with a hefty management ratio. Usually, a mutual fund company will take around two per cent of someone's invested assets to cover expenses. If you don't know what you're doing, though, it's worth paying for the advice.

Savvier investors often buy securities online. Every bank has its own web-based brokerage, but there are other firms, such as Qtrade, Interactive Brokers and Questrade, that offer similar services.

Do-it-yourself investors often buy stocks and exchange-traded funds — a basket of stocks that track a specific index — that don't come with the same management fees as mutual funds do. (Stocks don't come with any management costs.) There is a trading fee, but, depending on how often you trade, it can be negligible. Per trade costs range between $6.99 and $29.99 — it depends on the bank and how often you buy and sell — but it's often cheaper than buying mutual funds with an adviser.

Once you figure out how you want to invest and with what products, you need to decide what type of account to use. Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSP) are still the most popular investment account, as you only have to pay tax on the total account balance when you withdraw, likely in retirement.

Tax-Free Savings Accounts, which were introduced in 2009, are giving the RRSP a run for its money. Whatever you invest in a TFSA grows tax-free. While you don't get a tax refund, like you do when you invest in an RRSP, you don't have to pay the CRA when you withdraw.

There are also non-registered accounts that offer preferential tax treatment on capital gains — the difference between what you bought a security for and what it's sold for — and dividends. Most people turn to non-registered accounts after maxing out their RRSP.

See what I mean about choice? It's amazing anyone invests in the stock market at all. But don't get flustered; investing really is easy. Check out your bank's online brokerage account to see what DIY investing has to offer, or talk to a financial adviser for more hands on help.

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Web resources

Online tools benefit both novice and savvy traders

Whether you invest online or with an adviser, there are plenty of great websites that offer investing advice. Here are three to check out:

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THREE WORDS: FOUR MORE YEARS, AND ONE RECORD NUMBER OF RETWEETS

THE LIST
Neil Morton
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1 **Call your hockey parody.** Hockey blogger Harrison Mooney co-wrote and stars in a hockified version of Robyn's hit Call Your Girlfriend on YouTube called Call The Union. His hilarious plea to the NHL and NHLPA to get a deal done went viral. It features Mooney in a Vancouver Canucks jersey dancing and singing rather poorly. This might be just the jolt the NHL needed. Watch the vid at metronews.ca.

2 **Most retweeted tweet, ever.** "Four more years" was the simple yet concise three-word tweet that came out from @BarackObama Tuesday night, along with a picture of Barack and Michelle in a warm embrace. It was retweeted nearly 800,000 times — the highest number ever. President of the United States for another term — and King of the Twittersphere, too.

3 **Need help? Call @justinbieber.** New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie took to tweeting Justin Bieber to get the word out about Hurricane Sandy New Jersey Relief Fund: ".@justinbieber my girls are big fans. Will u help us spread the word about NJReliefFund? For more info: http://tinyurl.com/anufbos #WeWillRebuild." Biebs, always helping causes, obliged, retweeting to his nearly 30 million followers.

4 **Falcons 8-0.** The Atlanta Falcons were once one of the laughingstocks of the NFL, but their franchise can now do no wrong. With a star QB in Matt Ryan, they are halfway to a perfect season this year after beating the (hapless) Dallas Cowboys 19-13 on Sunday. Even if they don't go unbeaten, a Super Bowl appearance is definitely in their sights — if they beat da Bears!

5 **How to use paparazzi.** As Maroon 5 frontman Adam Levine and his girlfriend were leaving a lunch spot in L.A., trailed by paparazzi, he made a makeshift sign encouraging passersby to "Text Red Cross to 90999" for Hurricane Sandy victims. My genius idea: Every celebrity should do this while being trailed by the paps — have a sign handy to promote a philanthropic cause.

6 **Mo bro!** I'm proud to be growing a stache for the first time ever — well, since the excitement of facial hair in Grade 8. It's for Movember Canada, of course, which raises money and awareness for men's-health issues such as prostate cancer and mental illness. Give at ca.movember.com or donate to me personally at mobro.co/4648193. Thanks!

7 **Extreme Cougar Wives.** A program airing later this month on TLC called Extreme Cougar Wives features couples with wide-ranging age differences, including 65-year-old Stephanie, who is in love with 28-year-old Octavio. While this "cougar" thing may have hit its tipping point now, all the power to these women. If men can date way younger women — creepy! — then why not turn the tables?

8 **Etiquette expert.** If etiquette confuses you, like in my case (I get confused over when not to wear plaid) what better place to turn than Canadian etiquette expert Karen Cleveland. She tackles all things etiquette on her blog — mannersaresexy.com — from the traditional — how to bring your own wine to a restaurant — to the taboo — why your company should have topless meetings (as in, sans mobile devices).

9 **Trail Blazer, not.** A new iPhone app called Trail Blazer that's geared toward kids stars a buffalo who bikes and snowboards past northern Alberta landmarks while avoiding obstacles and collecting coins. Oh, and the game is made by Syncrude, one of Canada's largest producers of oil from Alberta's oilsands, and includes feel-good, pop-up messages about the company. Game over.

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Grand Theft Motorcycle

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Eyewitnessed robbery

Biker-gang raids shopping mall

This amazing image shows the dramatic moment a gang of robbers made their escape on motorcycles in a shopping centre.

Six people riding three motorbikes and carrying axes drove into Brent Cross Shopping Centre in north London, England.

Professional photographer Rick Treister, 48, managed to snap this picture with his camera-phone.

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Photographer's viewpoint

"It was like a Hollywood film. I would never have imagined someone would do that in a shopping centre. It was like a scene out of James Bond."

Rick Treister, photographer

Treister was on his way to the Apple store in Brent Cross Shopping Centre when he heard the sound of screaming and breaking glass. He managed to get one picture of the robbers as they passed him at full speed.

Details of robbery

- **Panic in the shopping mall.** Eyewitnesses said the thieves sped into the first floor of the shopping mall and headed for the Fraser Hart high-end jewelry store before smashing windows to get at the valuables on display. Shoppers began to panic as the robbery took place, with many people running for the exits. Some shops would not let customers leave while the incident was underway, witnesses said.
- **Bikes abandoned.** The motorbikes used in the robbery were found abandoned in Mill Hill, north London, 15 minutes after the robbery took place. Flying Squad detectives from the capital's police department have released footage of the theft taking place, to help in appeals for witnesses and information. So far, no arrests have been made.
- **Not an isolated incident.** The smash-and-grab incident came a day before a pawnbroker's store was targeted about three kilometres away by another motorbike gang.

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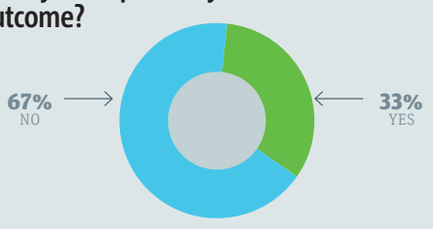

Twitter

@JoshDirkson:
Noticed this morning that gas actually went DOWN in price. What is this world coming to!?? #yxe

@SeanShaw:
Two weeks since the election and not a single member of #yxecc has changed their websites from candidate to Councillor content.

@MacPhersonA:
I think nincompoop and dunderhead are two words in need of rehabilitation.

@Amandalewisss:
"Saskatoon is too small of a city to draw naked people." @ErainaNeuf

@MEGyxe:
Dude on 2nd wearing shorts. Ooo and sailor dan is running around with a shovel and union jack. Regular day downtown? #yxe

@Claire_MP:
Alright, how are the roads doing? I have some errands I'd like to run. Still ice ice baby? #yxe

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Lindsay Lohan plays Liz Taylor in the Lifetime TV movie Liz & Dick, which airs Nov. 25. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Why we still love Liz

Rewind. In celebration of the Lohan-led TV movie Liz & Dick, the Reel Guys pick their faves from the 'greatest movie star of all'

Richard: Mark, I know we'll get to the good Liz Taylor films in a second, but I'd like to start with Boom! a strange movie about a much-married booze hound (Liz wearing Vegas-inspired Kabuki gowns!) and a penniless poet (Dick) who romances her in the final hours of her life. This one fails on virtually every front, except that in its awfulness it has a campy charm, and for the ones who get the joke, great entertainment value.

Mark: Boom? Richard, you are perverse! But I have to admit that even Taylor's better films veer toward camp. Look at Butterfield 8, which I consider her essential mid-career movie. She plays an amoral man-eater who's a borderline prostitute. The movie has the greatest line Liz Taylor ever committed to celluloid, "Mama, face it, I was the slut of all time!" Although the movie is badly dated, it makes a strong case for the return of the negligee.

RC: I guess I like anything with Liz and Burton. Like The V.I.P.s. As if having Liz and Dick on screen wasn't enough star power The V.I.P.s adds in Orson Welles, Maggie Smith and a host of other early '60s A-listers. The melodramatic story is set on one night at the Heathrow Airport first class lounge. Liz looks amazing in this, but for me the highlight is Welles's sleazy movie producer who'll do anything—including marrying someone he hardly knows — to avoid a whopping tax bill.

MB: It must be some kind of meta-theme in Taylor's work: fat old guys stealing the movie from The Most Beautiful Woman In The World. Burl Ives has the same effect in Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. When he's onscreen, you forget about Taylor, which is quite a feat. Liz is a good little scene chewer in this adaptation of Tennessee Williams' mediocre play. Lots of scenes occur in the bedroom, giving her ample opportunity to dress and undress.

RC: Burton was Liz's most famous co-star, but she frequently co-starred with Montgomery Clift, who once said, "She feels like the other half of me." Check out Suddenly Last Summer or A Place in the Sun to see their chemistry.

MB: To my mind, Taylor was just a movie star until she played Martha in Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf. Brilliantly directed and guided by Mike Nichols, she revealed herself to be a great actress as well.

Synopsis

The Reel Guys will wait to pass judgment on Lindsay Lohan's portrayal of Elizabeth Taylor (opposite Grant Bowler as Richard Burton) in Lifetime's Liz & Dick, but with the TV movie airing this month, we thought we'd take the opportunity to have a look at the real deal; the movies of the lilac-eyed La Liz.

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Twilight star a child no Lautner

Transforming in the spotlight. Taylor Lautner talks spending his formative teen years as the world's most famous werewolf

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Taylor Lautner started the Twilight franchise when he was 15 years old, and in the five years since he's become an international celebrity. The end of your teenage years can be awkward enough as is, but being under the media spotlight adds a whole different level of discomfort. "It's amazing how much a 15-year-old to a 20-year-old grows up and matures just regularly. Going through this, it definitely was at an accelerated rate," he says. "[The scrutiny] definitely added to it. It was the part of it that we never predicted."

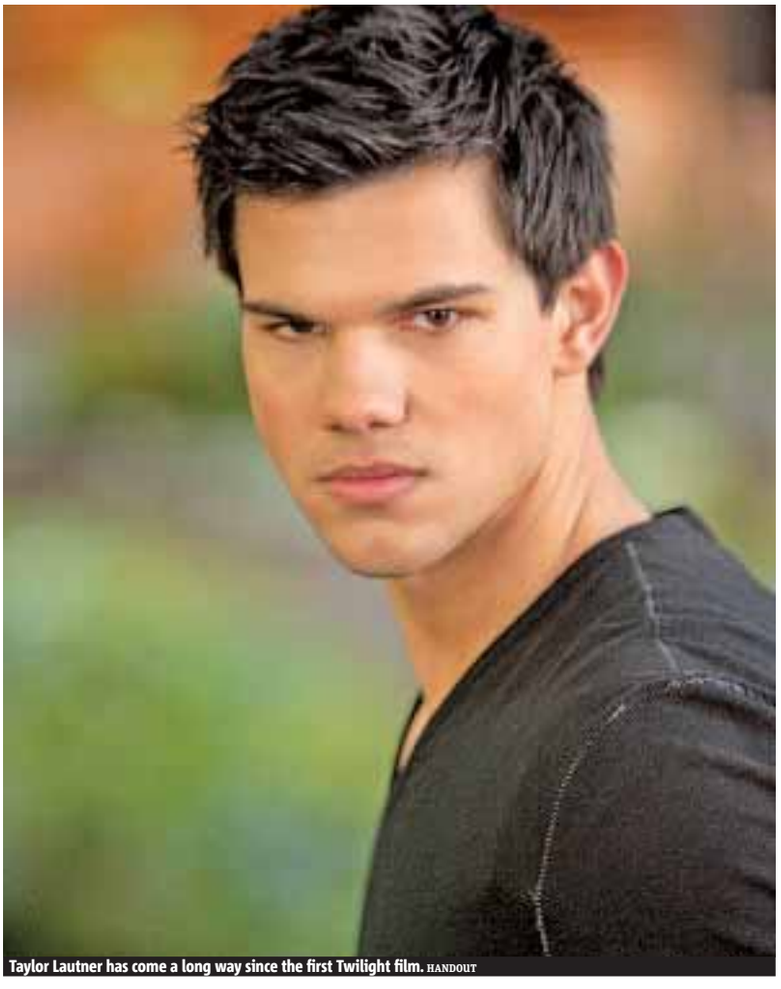
The first lesson Lautner had to learn was to not just hide from the world. "When something like that happens to you, you tend to [withdraw]," says Lautner, who became a tabloid staple when rumours about him dating Taylor Swift circulated in 2009.

"The worst thing you can do in that situation is just lock yourself up inside your house and not do anything and just be scared. You just have to think about things more and maybe just plan more in advance, but you don't want to change who you are and everything you do just because of it."

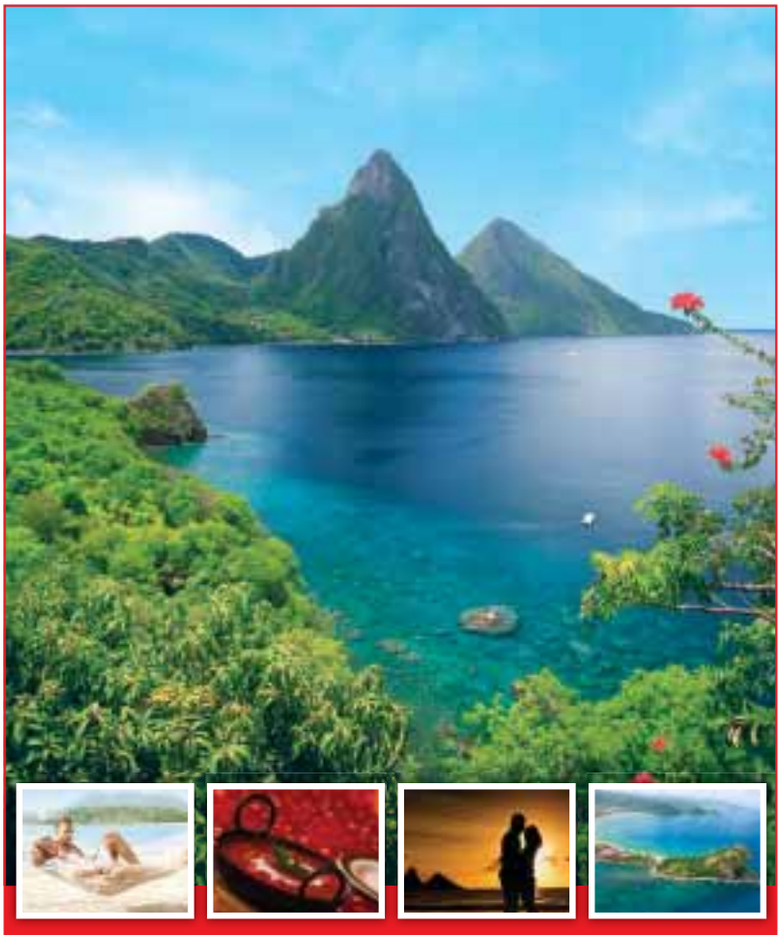
Of course, he did have to make some changes because of his fame — like where he spends his free time. "I haven't been to a mall in a while and I haven't been to a theme park in a while, but I figure out how to get into movie theatres," he says. "I do [wear a disguise], but they don't work at all for some reason, and I don't know why. I think I literally just have to put prosthetics on because literally I put a baseball hat on, glasses, pull the hat down, I look in the mirror and I'm like, 'All right, you are set. You don't look anything like yourself.' And the second I step outside, it's almost like I'm wearing nothing."

Looking ahead

So where does Lautner go from here? Certainly the Twilight franchise has given him a leg up over other 20-year-old actors, but his first non-franchise entry, last year's Abduction, was a critical and commercial failure. Lautner's plan to avoid another stinker, he says, is to diversify. "I'm looking forward to doing something different for myself and challenging myself," he says. "I don't want to do the same thing over and over again. My goal is to challenge myself to a wide variety of roles and genres of film."



Taylor Lautner has come a long way since the first Twilight film. HANDOUT



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715 Broadway Ave., 306-652-6556

Beyond Belief (STC) Mon 7
Billy Bishop Goes to War (PG) Wed 7
Dark Bridges Film Festival (STC) Fri 12
Film Club (STC) Tue 7
Indigenous Film Festival (STC) Sat 1
Rec 3: Genesis (STC) Fri
Stories We Tell (PG) Fri 9 Sat 7 Sun 9 Tue 9 Thu 9
Tabu (STC) Fri 7 Sat 9 Sun 7 Mon 9 Tue Thu 7

Cineplex Odeon Centre
3510 8th St. East, 306-955-1938

Hotel Transylvania (G) Fri 7:25-9:45 Sat-Mon 12:35-3-5:15-7:25-9:45 Tue 6-8:10 Wed 1:10-6-8:10 Thu 6-8:10
Looper (14A) Fri 7:20-10 Sat-Mon 2-4:40-7:20-10 Tue-Thu 5:35-8:20
Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Seven Psychopaths (18A) Fri 7:35-10:05 Sat-Mon 2:25-4:55-7:35-10:05 Tue-Thu 5:20-7:50
Silent Hill: Revelation (18A) Fri 8-10:20 Sat-Mon 1-3:20-5:40-8-10:20 Tue-Thu 5:50-8:05
Sinister (14A) Fri 7:10-9:50 Sat-Mon 1:55-4:30-7:10-9:50 Tue 5:40-8:25 Wed 1:20-5:40-8:25 Thu 5:40-8:25
Skyfall (PG) No Passes Fri 7-10:15 No Passes Sat-Mon 12:40-3:50-7-10:15 No Passes Tue 5:20-8:30 No Passes Wed 1:20-5:20-8:30 No Passes Thu 5:20-8:30
Wreck-It Ralph (G) No Passes Sat-Mon 12:20 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Wreck-It Ralph 3D (G) No Passes Fri 7:55-10:25 No Passes Sat-Mon 2:55-5:30-7:55-10:25 No Passes Tue-Thu 5:30-7:55

Galaxy Cinemas Saskatoon
347 2nd Ave. South, 306-664-5060

Argo (PG) Fri 4:25-7:15-10 Sat-Mon 1:40-4:25-7:15-10 Tue-Thu 6:45-9:40
Cloud Atlas (14A) Fri 4:50-8:30 Sat-Mon 1:15-4:50-8:30 Tue-Thu 8:10
Flight (14A) Fri 4:30-7:35-10:40 Sat-Mon 1:25-4:30-7:35-10:40 Tue-Thu 7:05-10:10
Here Comes the Boom (PG) Fri 5:20-7:50-10:25 Sat 11-5:20-7:50-10:25 Sun 12:25-5-7:50-10:25 Mon 12:25-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:25 Tue 7:45-10:15 Wed 10:15 Thu 7:45-10:15
Lawrence of Arabia (PG) Sun 12:30 Wed 6:30
The Man With the Iron Fists (18A) Fri 5:55-8:20-10:45 Sat-Mon 1:05-3:30-5:55-8:20-10:45 Tue-Thu 8-10:20
The Metropolitan Opera: The Tempest Live (STC) Sat 11:55
Midnight's Children (PG) Fri 6:40-9:55 Sat-Mon 12:05-3:25-6:40-9:55 Tue-Thu 6:40-9:55
Paranormal Activity 4 (14A) Fri 5:45-8-10:20 Sat 1:20-3:35-5:45-8-10:20 Sun 3:35-5:45-8-10:20 Mon 1:20-3:35-5:45-8-10:20 Tue 8:05-10:20 Wed 8:05
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Twelfth Night - Encore Presentation (STC) Thu 7
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (14A) No Passes Thu 10
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Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry (PG) Fri 7:10 Sat-Mon 1:10-7:10 Tue-Thu 7:10
For a Good Time, Call ... (18A) Fri 9:30 Sat-Mon 3:30-9:30 Tue-Thu 9:30
Killer Joe (18A) Fri 7 Sat-Mon 1-7 Tue-Thu 7
Trishna (14A) Fri 9:10 Sat-Mon 3:10-9:10 Tue-Thu 9:10

Rainbow Cinemas Saskatoon
The Centre at Circle & 8th, 306-955-8642

Alex Cross (PG) Fri-Thu 7:05-9:55
Brave (G) Fri-Mon 11:05-1:50-4:35 Tue-Thu 1:50-4:35
The Campaign (14A) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:35
The Dark Knight Rises (PG) Fri-Thu 9
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (G) Fri-Mon 11:20-1:30-4:10 Tue-Thu 1:30-4:10
Frankenweenie (G) Fri-Mon 11:25-1:40-4:40-6:55 Tue-Thu 1:40-4:40-6:55
Fun Size (PG) Fri-Mon 11:30-4:50-9:40 Tue-Thu 4:50-9:40
Hope Springs (PG) Fri-Thu 2:15-7:20
Ice Age: Continental Drift (G) Fri-Mon 11:15-2:05-5:10 Tue-Thu 2:05-5:10
Lawless (14A) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:50
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (G) Fri-Mon 11:10-1:20-4:20 Tue-Thu 1:20-4:20
Taken 2 (PG) Fri-Mon 11-1:10-4-7:20-9:30 Tue-Thu 1:10-4-7:20-9:30
Ted (14A) Fri-Thu 7:40-10
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Denzel Washington yet again takes on the role of a hero with a dark side in Flight. HANDOUT

Documentary

Ai Weiwei: Never sorry

Director. Alison Klayman

Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry is a documentary worth watching if only for its subject — China's most controversial artist and activist. Though slightly meandering, director Alison Klayman convincingly lays out Weiwei's massive accomplishments (which include designing Beijing's Bird's Nest Stadium for the 2008 Olympics to continual legal battles against an oppressive government) with a brisk and befitting brevity. Weiwei is a fascinating figure that's definitively fit for the cinema.

STEVE GOW

Drama

Midnight's Children

Director. Deepa Mehta

Stars. Satya Bhabha, Shahana Goswami, Rajat Kapoor

Deepa Mehta, one of Canada and India's premiere filmmakers, melds history and mysticism in her adaptation of Salman Rushdie's Booker Prize-winning novel, set against the 1947 partition of India. Two boys born at the exact moment of India's independence from the British Empire are switched by a nurse — a poor boy put in a rich family and the rich with an itinerant musician. There are numerous insights into India, its culture and incredibly rich modern history.

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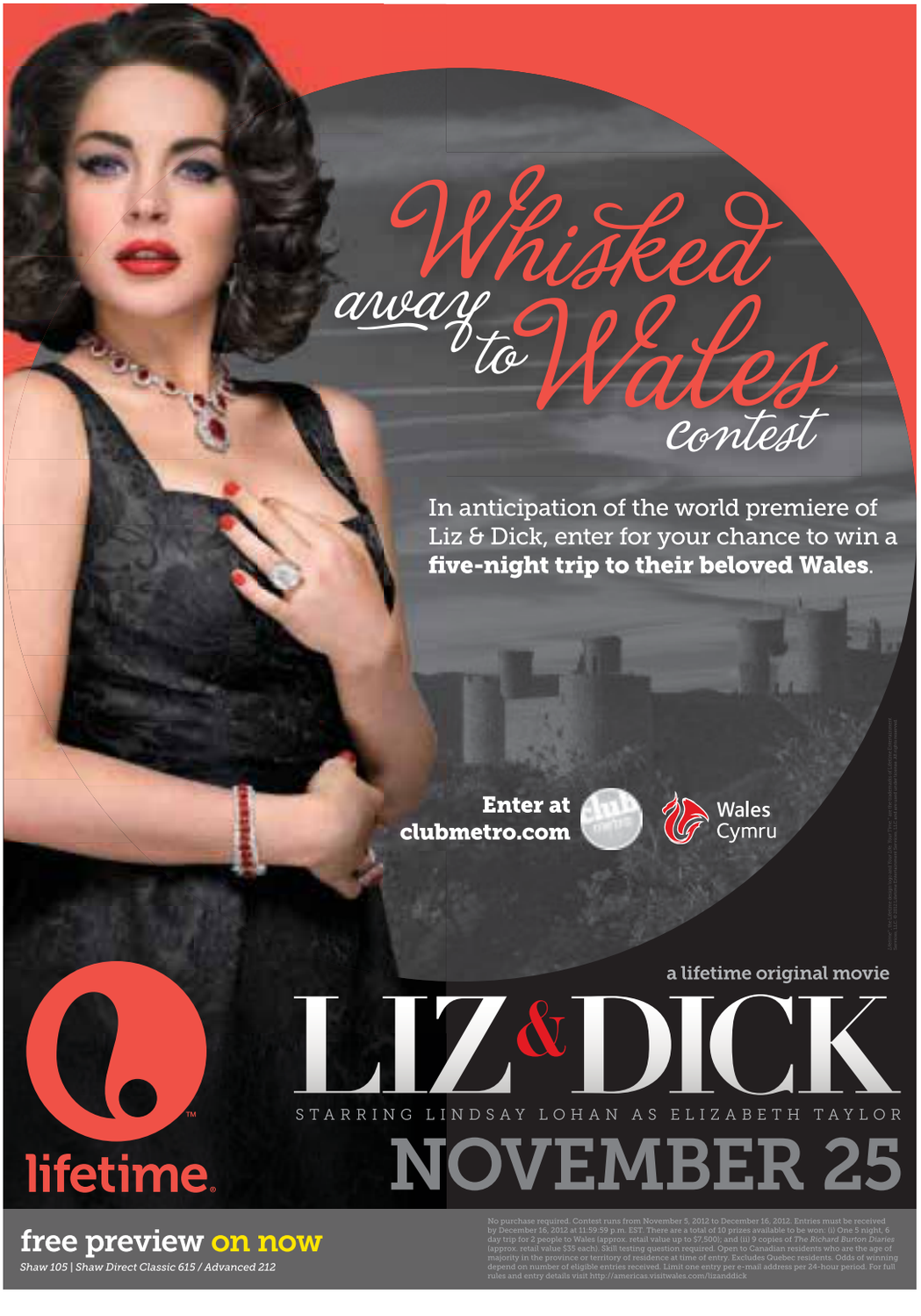
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Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart. ALL GETTY IMAGES

Pattinson and Stewart 'basically live together again'

While the reunion between Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson hasn't become official yet, the Twilight co-stars are practically living together again, according to Us Weekly. Sources say Pattinson has been spending his nights lately at Stewart's new $2 million home despite his own being nearby. "They basically live together again," a source says.

Taylor Swift

Why do Taylor's relationships fail? Ask her friends

Taylor Swift's troubled love life is legendary — and the inspiration for many a hit song for the singer. But to hear her friends tell it, Swift herself is to blame for the fact that none of her relationships last. "All Taylor wants is to be loved," a source close to the singer tells Us Weekly. "She's a prisoner of her work. It takes up all of her time. She overworks relationships. She puts so much pressure on them, it ultimately kills the deal. Then she's baffled as to why it didn't work."

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The Word

Cyrus: I'm only having one marriage (and one divorce)

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Miley Cyrus went on The Ellen DeGeneres Show to clear up a few things regarding that whole "I'm having three marriages" rumour (apparently spread by father Billy Ray) that's been going around.

"There is some rumour going around that I'm having, like, 47 weddings. I'm not," Miley told Ellen on Thursday. "I'm having one wedding. That's my day and whatever I want on that day will be about me and that moment."

But that doesn't mean the wedding will be anytime soon, as the 19-year-old is working on her career. "I'm so focused on my record. … I kind of don't want to be in between touring and trying to plan all that, because I didn't really realize until I got a wedding planning book what you have to decide on," she said. "Like, I don't care what colour the napkins are, to be honest. I really don't care."

Smart girl: Hosting three weddings sounds like a logistical nightmare. Does that mean guests have to give her three presents? Do they have to do the Electric Slide three times? And does it mean she would (inevitably) have to have three divorces?

John Travolta

Travolta defended by long-time friend Alley

John Travolta has been fending off a lot of accusations about his sexuality lately, with several male masseurs suing the star for sexual harassment and assault this year, but he has at least one ally in his corner — longtime friend Kirstie Alley. "I know John with all my heart and soul, and he's not gay," the actress tells Barbara Walters in an interview, calling Travolta the "greatest love of my life." Alley has her own theories for the persistent speculation about Travolta's sexuality. "I think in Hollywood, if someone gets famous enough, and they're not out doing drugs and womanizing, what do you say about them?"

Jennifer Lawrence

Lawrence and her boyfriend are best buds

Hunger Games star Jennifer Lawrence and her boyfriend, X-Men: First Class co-star Nicholas Hoult, have a pretty good thing going, to hear Lawrence tell it. "My boyfriend is honestly my best friend, and hopefully I'm his best friend too," Lawrence tells Elle magazine in an interview. "He's my favourite person to be around and he makes me laugh harder than anybody. We can eat Cheetos and watch beach volleyball and we turn into perverted Homer Simpsons, like, 'Oh, she's got a nice ass.' I never thought we'd have such different opinions on asses."

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Light side of Aussie wine

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If there's one thing I learned from visiting a gazillion wineries across Australia in record time is that there's more to Down Under than red wines. While they've become synonymous with the dark, spicy goodness that is shiraz; the thick, meaty fruit of Cabernet Sauvignon; and more recently, plump, fruit-forward pinot noir, the Aussies make darn fine white wines too.

I think it was me who said that you really have to wrap your lips around reds before you can fully appreciate whites.

Oz's New World climate is a perfect home for the development of white wines with rich, flowing personalities that, more often than not, massage unique flavour profiles from familiar fruit.

Chardonnay, Sauvignon blanc and riesling are the big three whites in Australia — with pinot grigio making some major in-roads, as is the lesser know viognier.

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Be sure not to overcook the vegetables. Use the best quality steak, such as rib eye, sirloin, filet or New York. You can serve this over rice or rice noodles. The colours and textures of this dish give it great eye appeal.

This recipe serves four. RYAN SZULC, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup beef (or chicken) stock
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 tbsp rice vinegar
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1 1/2 tsp finely chopped ginger
- 12 oz boneless grilling steak
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups chopped broccoli
- 1 1/2 cups thinly sliced red bell pepper
- 1 1/2 cups snow peas
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro or parsley
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 2 tbsp chopped toasted cashews (optional)

1. Sauce: Whisk stock, brown sugar, soy sauce, vinegar, sesame oil, cornstarch, garlic and ginger in a bowl. Set aside.

2. Lightly coat a large, nonstick skillet with cooking spray and place over high heat. When the skillet is hot, brown the beef for 3 minutes, or until it's browned but still rare. Remove from the pan, let rest for 5 minutes, then slice thinly.

3. Respray the pan. Heat the vegetable oil, then add the broccoli, red pepper and snow peas. Cook for 3 minutes. Return the beef to the pan. Stir the sauce and add to the pan. Stir-fry for 2 minutes or until the sauce is thickened and bubbly and the beef is done to your liking. Be careful not to overcook.

4. Place on a serving platter and garnish with cilantro or parsley, green onions and cashews (if using). **ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

Thai fare gets slow-cooker treatment

This recipe serves four. NEWS CANADA

Cooking this Thai Red Curry Chicken in a slow cooker really brings out the flavours.

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp Blue Dragon Thai Red Curry Paste
- 2 lbs skinless, boneless chicken thighs, well trimmed and cut into 1-inch/2.5 cm pieces
- 1 Japanese eggplant, cut into quarters lengthwise, then cut into 1-inch/2.5 cm cubes
- 1 medium red bell pepper, cut into thin strips
- 1 can (400 ml) Blue Dragon Coconut Milk
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh Thai basil leaves
- Steamed Basmati rice
- Lime wedges

1. Place chicken pieces and red curry paste in slow cooker; stir until combined.

2. Cover and cook on high for 2 and a half to 3 hours or on low for 5 to 6 hours or until juices run clear when chicken is pierced with a fork.

3. Stir in eggplant, red pepper strips and coconut milk. Cover and cook for another 20 minutes or until peppers are tender and heated through. Stir in cilantro and basil. Serve over hot steamed rice and garnish with lime wedge.

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Junior football

Hilltops looking for national title three-peat

The Saskatoon Hilltops will be battling it out for their third straight Canadian Bowl title this weekend.

The team is travelling to Langley B.C., to kick off against their British Columbia Football Conference challenger, the Langley Rams.

The Hilltops are coming off a massive win against the Ontario Football Conference champions the London Beefeaters, who they managed to defeat 51-7 in the Jostens Cup final in Saskatoon.

While this is the third time the Hilltops have battled for a Canadian Bowl in the last three years, winning the Canadian Junior Football League's national title in 2010 and 2011, this will be the first time the Rams have had a showing since 1992 when they called Surrey, B.C. home.

Kick off for the Canadian Bowl is Saturday at 1 p.m. PST in Langley at McLeod Stadium.

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CFL

Argos ink deal with Milanovich

The Toronto Argonauts re-signed rookie head coach Scott Milanovich to a contract extension Thursday less than a year after hiring him. Milanovich joined the Argos after five seasons as an assistant coach with the Montreal Alouettes.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Coaching critical to young Riders' success

CFL. Coach Chamblin hopes preparation can overcome momentum against red-hot Calgary in West semifinal

The Saskatchewan Roughriders may have stumbled into the CFL playoffs, but head coach Corey Chamblin hopes preparation can make up for lack of momentum as he readies his young squad for the West Division semifinal.

The Roughriders (8-10) lost the last four games of the season and face a daunting task when they travel to Calgary (12-6) for Sunday's game.

Chamblin said Thursday the onus will be on the coaching staff to provide a buffer against the pressure of a post-season experience that will be new to a significant number of his players.

"The thing about having a young team is that young teams go as we go as coaches," Chamblin said. "It is who protects the quarterback. That's what will decide it."

That's a sweeping generalization of course. Just ask any offensive lineman.

Offensive guard Brendon LaBatte says he's hoping the Riders can get tailback Kory Sheets and their running attack in high gear early and thus make pass protection at least a little bit easier against a Calgary defence that recorded 40 quarterback sacks this season.

"They're a good front seven," LaBatte said. "Their schemes are all over the place."

If the Riders do require motivation, it could come in the form of Thursday's announcement of the West Division all-star team and the disappointing news that it includes only three players from Saskatchewan, all on offence.

LaBatte and wide receivers Weston Dressler and Chris Getzlaf are the Roughriders' lone representatives.

Roughriders tailback Kory Sheets gets tackled by Winnipeg's Alex Suber at Canad Inns Stadium on Sept. 9. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Quoted

"I enjoy playing Calgary, for sure. Any time you go to the playoffs, it's an entirely new season. Everyone out there needs to know that you need to step up."

Roughriders receiver Chris Getzlaf, who has had some huge games against Calgary in the past

"The biggest all-star is the Grey Cup. The biggest thing you want is that ring," Chamblin said.

"The personal stuff doesn't mean a whole lot," said LaBatte, who became a West Division all-star in his first season in Saskatchewan. "I think we've got a lot of good players who are obviously worthy."

Getzlaf caught 65 passes for 864 yards and two touchdowns this season en route to his first-ever selection as a CFL all-star.

While those numbers were the best for any Canadian receiver in the league this season, they are not as impressive as the 1,071 yards and 10 touchdowns Getzlaf put up in 2011.

Dressler had a spectacular season, catching 94 passes for 1,206 yards and 13 touchdowns, career highs in all three categories for the five-year veteran. He also carried the ball 11 times for 56 yards, and ran back 20 punts for 229, including a 76-yard return for a touchdown.

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BREAKING DOWN SEMIFINAL SUNDAY

CFL EXTRA POINTS
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West semifinal

Saskatchewan (8-10) at Calgary (12-6), Sunday, 3:30 p.m. (TSN)

The Calgary Stampeders are the CFL's hottest team, but you can't help but think they get a chill when pondering Sunday's opponent. Despite a four-game win streak, history suggests almost anything can happen when the Roughriders visit McMahon Stadium.

Since winning the 2008 Grey Cup, Calgary has lost two West finals to Saskatchewan. The Stamps have suffered playoff losses in each of their last four post-season encounters with the Riders, dating back to 2007.

Additionally, Saskatchewan minimizes Calgary's home-field advantage more than any other team as thousands of Rider fans are expected to turn up, as usual.

The Riders locked down practice early this week, leaving media miffed and conspiracy theorists suggesting the coaching staff has cooked up something special to upset the Stamps.

The biggest shock may have come days before the opening kickoff, when the Stamps chose Drew Tate as their starting quarterback ahead of Kevin Glenn.

Season series: The Roughriders and Stampeders met three times, with Calgary taking two of three games. The Stamps won the first two. However, the Riders claimed the final regular-season encounter. **Pick: Calgary by 2.**

East semifinal

Edmonton (7-11) at Toronto (9-9), Sunday, 12 p.m. (TSN)

Backroom intrigue is the last thing the Edmonton Eskimos need right now, but they stirred it up with the firing of GM Eric Tillman. Rumours persist that Tillman is now destined for Toronto and a similar role with the Argos, triggering all kinds of denials from Hogtown, where Tillman traded Esks star quarterback Ricky Ray last off-season. The swap not only created controversy in Edmonton but a huge credibility gap for the league should Tillman be reunited with Ray in T.O.

Since the crossover format's introduction in 1996, it is just the seventh time a team has headed to the other division for a CFL semifinal, and history is not on Edmonton's side. Only B.C. in 2009 advanced.

This Sunday's semifinal favours the Argos not only for Ray's presence at the helm, but East Division most outstanding player candidate Chad Owens will likely make an impact on special teams and offence.

To succeed, Edmonton will need a dominant performance from Fred Stamps, who recovered from an early season slump to finish second among CFL receivers.

Season series: The Esks beat the Argos both times in 2012, but much has changed since those encounters. Not only has Ray returned to all-star form, Edmonton's muddled QB situation has left everyone second-guessing whether they should start veteran Kerry Joseph or youngster Matt Nichols. Steven Jyles, acquired in the Ray swap, is an afterthought.

Pick: Toronto by 5

4 SPORTS

Facing the field head-on

Canada's Sarah Reid takes her second heat in the women's skeleton World Cup competition on Thursday in Lake Placid, N.Y. Calgary's Reid and Melisa Hollingsworth, from Eckville, Alta., were first and second after two heats in the World Cup opener. MIKE GROLL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL negotiations alive in New York

Lockout. Bettman says 'still a lot of work to do' after fourth straight day of talks

The NHL and NHL Players' Association will meet for a fourth straight day in an attempt to salvage a shortened season.

Key negotiators from the league and union, including NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr, met for more than five hours Thursday and indicated talks will continue on Friday.

"I don't really have much to say," said Bettman. "We met with the players' association the last three days and we're planning on meeting again tomorrow. But I'm not going to discuss the negotiations or the substance of what we're talking about.

"I really don't think that would be helpful for the process."

A worker paints red hash marks at the Tampa Bay Times Forum in Tampa, Fla., earlier this fall. THE CANADIAN PRESS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Fehr was similarly tight-lipped.

"All I can say is that we discussed a wide range of topics relating to the issues between us," he said. "I really can't say more than that at this point."

Reporters managed to uncover the "undisclosed" location where the talks are being held. The sides have been congregating this week at the midtown Manhattan offices of Proskauer Rose, the law firm where NHL lead counsel Bob Batterman works, and across the street from the building where the 2004-05 CBA was hammered out.

Little is known about exactly where talks stand.

Sources told The Canadian Press that the NHL responded to a pair of union proposals on Thursday. On Wednesday, the NHLPA tabled new offers regarding revenue sharing and the league's "make whole" provision, with the union suggesting a system where the players' share in revenue drops to 50-50 in the third year of the deal.

The "make whole" provision is seen as the fundamental issue left to solve.

With all regular-season games cancelled through Nov. 30, negotiations have reached a critical stage. Ten days will be needed from the time an agreement is struck until the season starts and there is still hope among the parties that a shortened schedule could begin by Dec. 1.

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CFL. Calgary's Rider Nation fired up ahead of West Division semifinal

Watermelons will be hollowed, long underwear will be donned, and, before it's all said and done, members of Calgary's Rider Nation chapter hope to see their green gridiron giants come away with a victory Sunday.

"It starts right when you get up — you start making the calls — you know it's gameday," said Cory Ferguson, founder of the local group promoting all things Saskatchewan Roughriders-related. "It's an all-day experience. What can I say? We're diehard through all of the good and the bad."

The Roughriders will journey into McMahon Stadium to do battle with the slightly favoured Calgary Stampeders. But hometown advantage is almost negligible, according to Ferguson, who has noticed those wearing green nearly outnumber those in red during local clashes between the two squads.

While temperatures are expected to rise slightly in advance of Sunday's game, the forecast is only a nice indication of how many layers one needs to pull on.

Ferguson is fully prepared to pull on the wool socks, gloves and potentially even the nation's customary headgear.

"Getting your hands on a watermelon never hurts," he said. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

Roughriders fan Cory Ferguson isn't afraid to wear his team colours with pride in Calgary. SUBMITTED

Easier being green

Heading to Calgary for the big game? Here are Cory Ferguson's list of friendly local watering holes for Roughriders fans:

1. Pazzers — 5032, 16th Ave. N.W.
2. Upper Deck Public House — 1104, 6th Ave. S.W.
3. Both Rip's Pub locations — 15 Millrise Blvd. S.W. & 838 Crowfoot Cres. N.W.

Tennis

Federer moves on at ATP finals

On an indoor court, Roger Federer can win even when he's not playing his best.

He proved that again Thursday at the ATP finals, beating David Ferrer 6-4, 7-6 (5) and advancing to the semifinals with a group match to spare despite struggling to land his serve and scrambling to stay in the long rallies.

"I've been very successful over the years. Probably won most titles indoors, maybe more than all the other guys combined," said Federer, who called it a natural surface for him. "But that doesn't make me the best this week."

He is, however, the big favourite. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roger Federer GETTY IMAGES

Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
Get help from someone who is more worldly-wise than you are. You may think you can get things done alone but life will be easier if you have someone to handle negotiations and read the small print that you tend to ignore.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Do what you feel is right and ignore those who disagree with you. You tend to do that anyway, but today there really is no time for discussion. Follow your muse wherever it chooses to lead you.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The right things seem to be happening at just the right time and today's Venus-Jupiter link will certainly bring good news concerning a partnership or relationship. One-to-one relationships are under excellent stars.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You have never been one to put dollars and cents above other things but over the next few days you must focus more on your financial situation. Could you be earning more? Yes. Should you be spending less. Double yes.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Your heart will rule your head today and that will lead to some seriously fun times. Friendships and social activities must come first, at least for a while. Contacts you make now will bring long-term benefits.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
There are times when it all seems to come together, and this is one of them. Both at home and at work, things will fall into place with no input from you, and that's nice. All you have to do is enjoy them.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is potentially one of the best days of the year as your ruler Venus, currently in your sign, links with luck planet Jupiter. Make a wish and expect it to come true, because it most likely will. Go on, ask for something outrageous.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
It's time to get serious about your aims and ambitions. Something you visualize over the next few days is potentially more than just an idle daydream. Handled the right way, it could be your future – and that future is bright.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may be tempted to say what you think people want to hear but that would be a mistake. The planets urge you to be honest, even if it means hurting a loved one's feelings. They'll thank you for it one day.

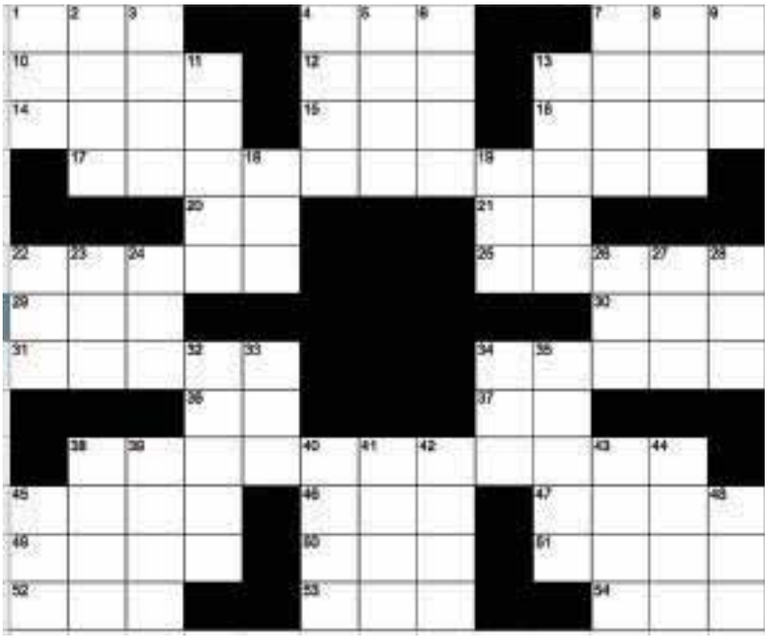
Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Go out of your way to be nice, even if people are not nice to you. Someone in a position of authority thinks you are ready for bigger and better things, and if your manner is positive, a promotion is likely.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may or may not be on the move over the next few days but even if you stay close to home, you will certainly be looking at the world in a different way. You have never been one to follow the herd.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Today's Venus-Jupiter link will emphasize the generous side of your nature, which is rarely far from the surface. Do what you can for people in need but don't bankrupt yourself in the process — that won't help them or you. SALLY BROMPTON

Canadian Crossword

BY BETTY MARTIN



Across
1. Spanish cheer
4. Sandra Bullock drama with 'The"
7. Sudbury prov.
10. The — Ones
12. Eggs
13. East Indian nanny
14. Survivor locale
15. Apiece
16. "Auntie —"
17. Fever
20. Bible pt.
21. Whose Line – It Anyway?
22. Actress Davis
25. Trades
29. — We There Yet?
30 Consume
31. Magnate
34. Say yes to the —
36. Noble
37. Over achiever (abbr.)
38. In a minute (3 words)
45. Burn plant
46. Wheel of Fortune purchase (2 words)
47. Folk —
49 Aroma
50. O.J. Simpson judge
51. Mix
52. The — Patrol
53. Computer key
54. Eye

Down
1. Sash
2. Drama starring Matthew Fox
3. Fashion magazine
4. Negative (sl.)
5. Always
6. "Gone with the Wind" plantation
7. Actor Sharif
8. — that Tune
9. — Young and the Restless
11. Devil
13. Humor
18. Parent/teacher assoc.
19. – the season
22. Chatter
23. Time frame
24. Ever (poet.)
26. Actor J. Cobb
27. — Vegas, Nevada
28. Road crossers
32. Fun loving mammal
33. Born
34. Homer Simpson exclamation
35. Transport offerings
38. M*A*S*H actor
39. Covered by a sock
40. Police activity
41. Raise the stake
42. Ewe covering
43. Bunches
44. Lake bordering Ontario
45. Agency of Record (abbr.)
48. Sooner than, poet.

Yesterday's Crossword

What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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